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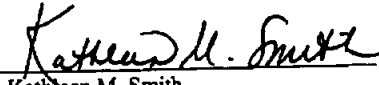
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Title: WAFER STORAGE CONTAINER WITH WAFER POSITIONING POSTS

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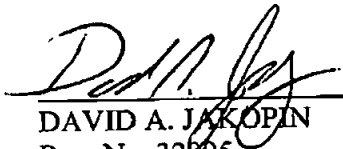
  
Kathleen M. Smith**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Mail Stop Amendments  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, the container shown in Figs. 6-9 with traverse.

Applicants believe the requirement to elect a specific species is in error for two reasons. First, examining the two embodiments together would not pose a significant search burden on the Examiner. Second, all claims are generic to both embodiments. Therefore, applicant requests reconsideration of the requirement to elect a specific species.

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